

# Charleston Lake

1999 Facilities, Services and Programming





# Slimy Scaly Monsters?



In forested areas, salamanders may outnumber all other vertebrates.

Charleston Lake Provincial Park is blessed with a wide variety of herpetiles ranging from the little to the large, and the common to the rare. What is a herpetile, you ask? It's nothing more than a fancy word for reptiles and amphibians. A grand total of 31 different species call Charleston Lake home, including five turtle species; nine snake species; nine frog species; seven salamander species and one toad species.

So why is Charleston able to

support such a healthy assortment of herpetiles? Well, it all comes down to habitat. Charleston Lake's 2,333.7 ha of protected land includes some of the best herpetile habitat in Ontario. Much of the landscape at Charleston Lake consists of a series of rocky ridges separated by poorly drained valleys. As a result, marshes, swamps and beaver ponds abound in the region. Abundant water is crucial for most herpetiles at different stages of their lives.



The musk turtle or "stinkpot" has a maximum shell length of 13 cm.

Almost all of our amphibians lay their eggs in water and have a tadpole phase before they change into adults. While bullfrogs and green frogs stay in the water as adults, most other frog species actually disperse into the surrounding forest for much of the summer. Most adult salamanders also live away from water except for their brief breeding season in the spring. They spend their lives in the leaf litter and under rotting logs eating worms and slugs.

Although reptiles lay their leathery eggs on land, many require water for other stages of their life, particularly turtles. Snapping turtles, map turtles, musk turtles and painted turtles are rarely found more than one metre away from water except for their spring sojourns to lay eggs. Painted turtles are often spotted sunning themselves on logs in areas such as the Quiddity swamp. Map turtles live in the open water of Charleston Lake and are frequently seen basking on rocky shores. The Blanding's turtle (identified by its distinctive yellow throat) is the most terrestrial of our turtles, and will often travel inland to feed. They are sometimes seen in the Bluc Mountain portion of the park.

Snakes are very common at Charleston Lake, but there are no poisonous snakes in the park. Commonly seen snakes include garter, ribbon and water snakes. They are often found near water since they eat tadpoles, frogs and fish. The smaller, more reclusive snakes such as the smooth green, northern brown, redbelly, and

ring-necked, are not associated with water. They rely on their superb camouflage and excellent hiding abilities to remain undetected as they forage for their food, which may include snails, slugs, worms, insects and salamanders.

Black rat snakes are Canada's largest snake (maximum length 2.5 metres), and the park's unofficial mascot. These tree climbing constrictors feed on small birds and rodents. They roam anywhere their prey is located, including wetlands where they search the bushes for nesting birds. Black rat snakes are a threatened species in Canada, primarily because of limited range. Except for a small population that survives north of Lake Erie, the entire Canadian range of the black rat snake lies within 70 kilometres of Charleston Lake, on the Frontenac Axis. This is the northern southerly part of the Shield that continues south from the Adirondacks. The snake continues to survive here primarily because the rugged land proved too difficult to farm intensively – large scale agriculture has been a prime reason for the loss of habitat elsewhere. Since the snake is at the northernmost limit of its range, it is of particular scientific interest and is being studied in the park.

The "Adopt a Black Rat Snake Program" monitors the snake population and is funded through the Friends of Charleston Lake. Under this program all black rat snakes found in the park are



Black rat snakes often climb trees in search of nesting birds.

photo credit: Rodger Compton

implanted with a small transponder that identifies the snake for life. This popular program is now in its 5th year. By the end of 1998, 86 snakes had been captured and 103 people had donated \$15.00 to the Friends to have a snake implanted in their name. We placed a moratorium on donations in 1998 because the waiting list of adoptive parents was too long. This spring, we hope to capture enough new snakes to eliminate the waiting list and start taking new donations so that you too can "adopt" a snake. Adoptive parents receive notices of their snake's characteristics (capture date, location, length, weight and sex) when their snake is first implanted and upon subsequent recaptures. Over time, this study will determine population levels, growth rates, longevity and critical habitat requirements which will help guide park managers in protecting this threatened species.

To learn more about the herpetiles found at Charleston Lake, and the black rat snake monitoring program, please come to the Visitor Centre to view the displays and talk to one of our park naturalists. We also have resource books available and wildlife checklists that include all of the herpetiles found in the park.

## It's Not Easy Being Green

Frog populations are in decline across much of North America. Scientists suspect various causes such as acid rain, pollution, and thinning atmospheric ozone levels, all of which interfere with the normal development of eggs and tadpoles. Although Charleston Lake Provincial Park appears to be maintaining high frog populations, there are concerns that the park could see a decrease in frog numbers in the future.

While at the park there are some things that you can do to help protect our frog populations.

If you enjoy catching frogs (and who doesn't!) please remember the following safe handling techniques:

1. Wash your hands before you handle any frogs – insect repellent on your hands can poison a frog by being absorbed through its skin, (research suggests that sunscreen also harms frogs).
2. Keep the frog skin damp at all times -- frogs breathe through their skin (as well as their lungs) and the skin must be moist for this to occur.
3. Do not leave a container of frogs out in the sun for any length of time (they can

quickly overheat).

4. Keep a frog for only a few minutes in a container, and release it where you found it.
5. Handle frogs as little as possible. If you do pick them up, hold them gently but firmly across the top of the legs. If you squeeze too tightly you will damage their internal organs.
6. Finally, please consider that some of the frogs living on the "front lines" (the Quiddity boardwalk and the stream running through Meadowlands), are targets for frog catchers every day of the summer. Maybe you can give the frogs a break and a chance to feed. So, instead of catching them, enjoy the frogs by observing them in their natural habitat.

It's important to remember that frogs, as well as everything else in a provincial park, are protected under provincial legislation and may not be harmed or removed from the park.

Finally, please be careful while driving park roads on warm damp nights since frogs often cross roads on these nights. Unflood numbers of frogs are squished on the roads, but we rarely see the remains because the raccoons and crows clean up the carnage. Keep your speed to a minimum and help a frog cross the road.



Leopard frogs lay an average of 2,000 eggs, but few survive to become adults.

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# Charleston Lake's Oarsmen

Charleston Lake was in its heyday when steam was king and opulent hotels served wealthy travellers. There were sufficient holidayers, anglers and genteel people engaged in polite social activity to warrant two hotels in Charleston Village. And employ dozens of local fishing guides.

The late 1800's was a time of pioneering settlement, when uncleared portions of the St. Lawrence Valley, Rideau Lakes chain, and Adirondacks were developed as farmland. Irish and Scottish immigrants struggled to earn a living from farming, hunting, fishing, and in some areas, guiding. It was also a time for the well to do, to travel into the woods in search of summer recreation.

As industry and agriculture flourished, and as a thirst for the first wilderness vacations grew, railroads pushed their way into Upper Canada. They brought with them, in the summer months, throngs of well-heeled vacationers.

A century ago, the concept of "vacation" was very different than it is today. Most people, busy carving an existence out of a seemingly endless wilderness or labouring in early factories, were too occupied to have any time off. In contrast, the monied social elite would spend entire summers seeking wilderness adventure, with all the comforts of home. To those who wished to fish ("do battle with the finny tribe", as one early brochure put it) that meant being rowed around the lake all day in a cedar strip guideboat, having your shore lunch prepared, and being entertained by guides who were expected to be expert fishermen, cooks, and storytellers.

Charleston was served by the Brockville, Westport, and Sault Ste. Marie railway, whose brochure boasted that "the facilities for black bass and salmon trout fishing offered

by this company in the lakes reached directly by its line are unsurpassed... Charleston... has a peculiar enchantment for pleasure seekers, free from the care and turmoil of heated crowded cities." Leaving the train at Athens, vacationers took carriages to Charleston village, at the north end of the lake. From there, they fished Charleston or Red Horse Lake, and usually stayed at either the Cedar Park or Harbour View Hotel, for as little as \$1.00 per day. There were at least two dozen guides at their disposal, who rowed, cooked, and provided bait and equipment for between \$2.00 and \$3.00 per day.

As you may imagine, the combination of settlers who became guides, and wealthy vacationers who wanted to become woodsmen, led to some interesting happenings. There were tales of guides who spent hours looking for tourists who had strayed into the woods and became lost; guides pulling fishermen from the lake, usually after they'd been scared out of the boat by a big pike, eel, or other watery serpent; and even guides returning to the hotel with hooks embedded in their ears by inept anglers. It's little wonder that the oarsmen, who usually exhibited "saintly patience", would sometimes mutter the occasional "profane oath" under their breath.

Over time, motorboats made the guiding life easier, but they were also the major cause of the oarsmen's downfall: the seven mile distance between Charleston village and Outlet became measured in minutes rather than hours. Today, the lake is almost entirely "self guiding". Fish finders, depth sounders, motorboats, and maps have rendered guides nearly extinct. Like abandoned railroads and the vanished splendour of grand hotels, the guides' ghosts look across Charleston and remember a time when steam was king... and we could catch all the fish we wanted for \$2.00 a day.



A fine catch of "salmon trout".



## "Native" Lake Trout Stocking



In an effort to keep lake trout angling at Charleston Lake as great as it's been for the past century, the Ministry of Natural Resources has joined the Charleston Lake Association and Charleston Lake Provincial Park in studying the fish, and disseminating information to anglers and other lake visitors.

Over the past 100 years, over two million lake trout have been stocked in the lake... this has allowed great angling opportunities, but many feel it's hurt the native strain of lake trout, who compete with the stocked fish for food. Charleston is a very heavily fished lake: most "busy" lake trout lakes average 12 rod hours/hectare, but Charleston's anglers tip the scales, putting in a whopping 32.4 r/h. Even though an increasing number of anglers are practicing catch and release,

this has resulted in over 10,000 kg of fish being taken from this lake annually; best scientific models show that anything over 3,500 kg for a lake this size could prove unsustainable.

The fishery, however, has continually been in great shape... and projects are being implemented to assist the lake's healthy native lake trout population. For the past decade, MNR and park staff, equipped with flashlights, floater suits, boats, and nets, have frequented early fall spawning shoals in an effort to strip eggs and milt from native trout (easily identified because none of their fins have been clipped). The eggs and milt are taken to White Lake Fish Culture Station, and returned to Charleston as "small fry" when they're between 10 and 15 cm long. The first plantings of these "native strain" stocked trout were

carried out in 1989 and 1990, and were the result of collecting over 40,000 eggs per year which were reared at the hatchery. Compared to stocked fish whose parents grew up elsewhere, the Charleston strain is showing much better growth and reproduction rates. Cottagers and lodge owners have joined the effort too, and plan an educational stewardship program, where lodge visitors and anglers will be coached and provided information regarding the native stocking program, and proper catch and release techniques.

Early Charleston angling literature spoke of well-heeled cottagers "doing battle with the finny tribe". As we enter a new millennium, the lake trout "preservation partners" are confident that, a century from now, anglers will have the same excellent opportunities they do today.



# Camper Information

## Superintendent's Message

Welcome (or welcome back) to Charleston Lake Provincial Park. We've had a busy 1998 season not only recovering from the ice storm, but also hosting nearly 90,000 visitors--our best year ever!

### Can you Canoe?

You certainly can! In 1998, we began a pilot project with Coleman Canada, whereby we offered Coleman Ram X 15 canoes for rent to park users. It was so successful that we're adding more canoes for 1999. Charleston has a century-old reputation as one of the province's finest canoeing lakes, and visitors continue to enjoy paddling to the dozens of islands, the "no motorboat" areas in Slim and Running's Bays, and the numerous other bays and inlets found along the lake's 150 km shoreline. Canoes are reservable through the gatehouse; prices include PFD's and paddles.

### Pesky Neighbours?

The first thing most of Charleston's campers think of when they hear this expression is our abundant raccoon population... to avoid unwanted visits, please store all food and cookware in a locked compartment (i.e. your vehicle). And, to further ensure everyone's enjoyment, safety, and to reduce complaints, we ask that you please keep domestic animals tied at all times; also, please exercise caution on park roads -- there's lots of walkers and cyclists. All campground roads are one way, and have a 20 km/h speed limit.



### Barrier Free Facilities



Over the past decade, we've been upgrading access to many of our facilities, and now offer a barrier free administration office, gatehouse, visitor centre, mini comfort station in Bayside campground, campsites 219 and 221; and a road by which vehicles may access the amphitheatre to pick up and drop off campers who attend programs. For 1999, we intend to upgrade the Bayside main comfort station to include barrier free showers. We still have a long way to go, but intend to create a barrier free area at our day use beach, a fishing pier at the boat launch, and perhaps barrier free interior campsites. Let us know how we're doing!

### Campsite Upgrading

With increased use comes increased wear and tear on campsites. During the fall of 1998, we replanted grass, re-dug ditches, and added fill to dozens of sites in an effort to mitigate the damage brought on by constant use. To assist us in keeping sites greener, drier, and more aesthetically pleasing, please park additional vehicles in provided parking lots and refrain from placing carpets on sites -- carpets kill even the hardest of vegetation in short order!

### Help Us Help You

At Charleston Lake, our #1 priority is to help you have a safe, pleasant, and enjoyable stay... our front line staff have all graduated from the Ontario Superhost training program, and are committed to providing exceptional customer service. If there's anything you need to make your visit better, please speak with any of our gatestaff, maintenance people, administrative staff, natural heritage educators, or park wardens. We're also glad to receive your comments, which may be written on the back of your campsite permit and deposited in the comment box as you exit the campgrounds.

Sincerely,  
Pete Frazer  
Park Superintendent  
Charleston Lake/Rideau River Provincial Parks

### Campsites

At Charleston Lake, we have 238 campsites which are divided among three campground areas: Meadowlands, Bayside and Shady Ridge.

Thirteen more sites in remote lakeshore settings are found in the interior of the Park. These are also available through the reservation service. Please refer to Page 7 for further details.

### Reservation Service

For information on how to reserve a campsite please phone the park at (613) 659-2065 during office hours.

### Self-Serve Fee Collection

From mid-May to early June and then again, from Labour Day to October 24th, we ask that you pay your camping and day-use fees on a self-serve basis. A fee collection station is set up at the Gatehouse. Simply complete a self-serve envelope, insert the correct fee (credit cards are not accepted) and place the envelope in the deposit box. Sorry, refunds are not available. Please be prepared by having the correct change.

### Sink Waste

To ensure that sink waste from trailers does not soil sites for other campers, please dispose of your waste in a nearby toilet, comfort station or at the trailer sanitary station.

### Garbage Disposal

Please leave your sealed bags of garbage in the yellow disposal compounds (found in each campground area) before 2:00 p.m. each day. Do not leave garbage on your campsite because it attracts animals.



Rental canoes are available through the gatehouse.

### Laundry Facilities

We offer laundry facilities at the comfort stations in each campground.

### Drinking Water

You can get fresh drinking water from any of the water taps or comfort stations in the Park.

### Trailer Sanitary Station

There is a trailer sanitary and refill station near the entrance to Meadowlands Campground.

### Pets

For the safety and protection of all visitors and park wildlife we urge you to keep your pet(s) on a two-metre long leash at all times. Every year we receive numerous complaints about dogs running loose; dogs on the beach, and dogs left alone on campsites to bark and disturb others. Please be considerate of your neighbours and ensure that your pet does not become a nuisance. Your cooperation is appreciated.

### Wild Animals

In previous years, there have been problems with wild animals, particularly raccoons, raiding campsites for food. Wild animals should not be a concern, if you take the following precautions:  
\* store all food in a secure cooler and lock it in the trunk of your car.  
\* keep your campsite clean by disposing of your garbage daily.  
\* never feed or harass any wild animal.

coffee grounds may be added to these composters.

### Fire Hazards

Because of high temperatures and seasonal dryness, we ask that you be extremely careful with campfires and smoking materials during your stay at Charleston Lake Provincial Park. We recommend that you do not smoke while hiking trails or exploring the interior of the park. Report any unnecessary fires immediately to any of our park offices or staff.

### First Aid

Please approach any staff member or drop by the Gatehouse when first aid is required. Most of our staff have basic first aid training and can help with minor injuries.

### Firewood

You may purchase firewood at the Firewood Concession located opposite the Gatehouse. Current prices and hours of operation are posted at the woodyard.

Please note: collecting and burning deadfall is contrary to provincial park rules.

### Your Comments Please

We want to know what you think about our services, facilities and interpretive programmes. Even more importantly, we want you to know that a safe environment is being maintained for you.

Please alert us to any conditions that you feel may be hazardous to visitors, and help us to assess the quality of our services by filling out the comment card on the back of your campsite permit and dropping it in the permit return box as you exit the campground.

### Washroom Facilities

Each campground area has a centrally located comfort station (Meadowlands has two), equipped with hot and cold running water, showers and electrical outlets. Toilets are also conveniently situated throughout the Park. Bayside Campground's comfort stations are wheelchair accessible.

### On the Beach

Parents, we ask that you assume responsibility for your children's health and welfare at all times. Although our beaches are not patrolled by lifeguards, park wardens do visit regularly for enforcement purposes.

### Recyclables

We recycle glass bottles, metal food and beverage cans and plastic soft drink containers. You can deposit these materials in the appropriate blue bins located near the exit of each campground area.

### Bicycles

Bicycles are permitted on roadways only. Please do not ride bicycles on any of the hiking or interpretive trails in the park.

### Telephones

Pay telephones are located near the Gatehouse.

### Composting

Composting bins are located in each campground. Organic and kitchen waste, fruit and vegetable peelings, egg shells, tea bags, and

## Emergency Numbers

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Medical Centres:  
(Brockville General) 613-345-5645  
(Lansdowne) 613-659-2525

### Emergency Telephones

Should an emergency arise, please contact any park employee immediately. You will find emergency telephones in each of our beach areas. In an emergency situation, just lift the receiver on the telephone and you will be put in direct contact with the Park Gatehouse. After 10:00 p.m., or when the Gatehouse is not staffed, proceed to the Gatehouse and use the pay telephone.



# Yours to Discover... CHARLESTON LAKE AND SURROUNDING AREA

## Explore Lovely Leeds

For those who love the rural countryside and like to travel through it by car, a whole new experience awaits you in Leeds County.

Follow the route described below and watch this lovely farming country unfold before your very eyes. Old stone grist mills, rustic lock stations, a three arched stone bridge and glorious historical buildings abound, and the scenery is sure to take your breath away.

Our tour begins just south of Charleston Lake Provincial Park at the village of Outlet on County Road 3.

True to its name, Outlet is the location where the water flows out of Charleston Lake and into Wiltse Creek enroute to the St. Lawrence River. The dam at Outlet keeps the water in Charleston Lake at a constant level all summer. In fact, it is kept about 1.5m higher than its historic level. If it wasn't for the dam, campers in the park's Meadowsland Campground would have to walk farther to the beach than they do now!



1,000 Islands International Bridge - Georgina Island.

Outlet is also an easy place to launch a boat into Charleston Lake, and it is the closest place for campers to buy gasoline, supplies and ice.

Continuing south on County Road 3, the next village that we come to is Lansdowne. This thriving rural community was named after Major-General William Fitzmaurice of Ireland, the Earl of Lansdowne, and had its beginnings as a stage coach stop in the early 1800s.

Lansdowne, like most towns in the area, has some historical bits and pieces tucked away. Some of these are appropriately marked by historical plaques, such as the one denoting the residence of Elizabeth Beatty, a native of Lansdowne and



Lockmaster's wife, Jones Falls, Rideau Canal.

one of the first woman doctors in Canada. The Beatty residence is located on what else, but Beatty Street. Just down the street from the Beatty home is an old-fashioned hardware store, which was once a popular inn.

Lansdowne is best known for its annual agricultural fair. The exhibition, staged at Lansdowne since 1876, is one of the most successful small town fairs held in eastern Ontario.

Our next destination is an island in the St. Lawrence

To get to our next stop, take the picturesque 1000 Islands Parkway west until you reach Gananoque.

Gananoque (pronounced gannon-ock-way) is internationally known as the "Gateway to the Thousand Islands". As the gateway, Gananoque is renowned for its boat tours through the islands. The Festival of the Islands takes place in mid August and features nightly concerts as well as other activities.

Gananoque has a town museum which is housed in the old Victoria Hotel on King Street and is furnished in the style of the 1860's. The museum features a large collection of military artifacts, early furnishings and utensils, as well as an interesting display of old photographs.

The Thousand Islands Playhouse is located in the rustic, turn-of-the-century Canoe Club boathouse overlooking the St. Lawrence River at the foot of Charles Street in Gananoque. The playhouse has the reputation of providing the best live theatre in eastern Ontario. It is open from May to October.

Travel north on Highway 32 to Scely's Bay where you can sample some of the best honey Leeds County has to offer.

Now on to Jones Falls. This is one of the more unique sites on the Rideau waterway. It was constructed in the 1830's to open a transportation route away from the American border which was, and still is, the St. Lawrence River.

The lock station at Jones Falls has a restored and furnished lock master's house with mid-1800s fur-

nishings. Travellers may also want to visit the restored and operational blacksmith's shop and a dam which, for a time, was the largest in North America.

From Jones Falls, we head north on Hwy. 15 to Westport. Enroute, we pass a cemetery where the sappers and miners who took part in the construction of the Rideau Canal are buried. These men laboured under appalling conditions and many of them died from malaria. To this day, many of their graves remain unmarked as they were buried in mass graves.

In Westport, head for Foley Mountain. This conservation area, operated by the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, is located on a steep hill about 1.6 km north of Westport off the highway leading to Perth. Just beyond the entrance to the park is Spy Rock, where you can see the village of Westport and miles of surrounding countryside.

Feeling famished? Luckily, Forfar just happens to be the next stop on our route. This small village, named after Forfar in Scotland, is the site of one of Ontario's first cheese factories dating back to 1866. Today Forfar Dairy is known far and wide for its naturally aged cheeses.

Driving south-east on Highway 42, we come to a national historic site. The old stone mill in Delta, built by William Jones in 1810, has seen



Cheese factory mural in Athens.

The first cheese factory in Leeds County is located on Main Street in Athens. The factory was operated by the cheesemaker Philip Wing and his brother, Benjamin, who flourished for years.

action sawing wood, milling flour, carding wool and cutting marble for grave stones. The mill's last functional year was 1949. In 1985 it opened as a museum.

The next town on our route is Athens. Originally known as Farnesville, Athens is situated in the hub of Leeds County. This community boasts many well-kept homes, numerous businesses and wide shady streets, but its main attraction is its historical wall murals.

Each mural depicts an historical aspect of the village which celebrated its 100th birthday in 1990. One of the murals portrays a group of 19th century picnickers enjoying the view from Blue Mountain overlooking Charleston Lake.

Our next stop in Leeds County is Brockville, dubbed "The City in the Country". Brockville, the seat for Leeds County, was founded by United Empire Loyalist William Buell, and was named after 1812 war hero Major-General Sir Isaac Brock.

The oldest railway tunnel in North America, built in 1860 for military purposes, runs beneath the City of Brockville from the waterfront to meet the main Toronto-Montreal line. This is one of many military projects along the St. Lawrence River originally designed to keep Americans out of Canada, now used to attract them to Canada as tourists.

At night, Brockville City Hall, along with several other landmark buildings in

the city square is illuminated with more than 20,000 white lights, as part of Brockville's "Symphony of Lights" celebration. Brockville also has water shows, indoor and outdoor concerts, a farmer's market, boat tours, shopping and a ten day long summer carnival in late June-early July called Riverfest.

Brockville is the second last stop on our tour of Leeds County. From Brockville, we take Hwys. 29 and 42 until we reach the turn for Charleston Lake Provincial Park. Then we head south on County Roads 33 and 3.

On our return trip to the Park, we pass through the picturesque village of Lyndhurst. Along with its quaint 19th century buildings, Lyndhurst boasts Ontario's oldest stone bridge. The bridge was designed and constructed by John Roddick, whose mills were the principle industries of the community. There are many lovely views of the water from the 142 year old bridge, with its sandstone walls so expertly built by master craftsmen from the British Isles.

This is just one of many scenic drives which will take you through Leeds County and the 1000 Islands - Rideau Lakes regions. You can use the route described to plan even longer and more involved driving tours if you wish. Comfortable accommodations are available along most highways and township roads - whether bed and breakfast, cottage, or tent and trailer lodging.



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# Discover Charleston Lake...

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There's lots to see, do and experience at the Visitor Centre. Live exhibits, displays, and a children's activity corner are all designed to help you become acquainted with the park and its special stories. Drop by and let us know what you've discovered on your explorations of Charleston Lake Provincial Park.

Open daily from June 25 to Sept. 5.

## At a Children's Program



Kids of all ages will enjoy these fun-filled programs that explore the park and all it has to offer. Preschool programs are designed just for little explorers ages 1-5 years, and their mom or dad. Children ages 6-10 years will enjoy the activities and chances for exploration that a Children's program provides. Youth programs, for ages 11-16 years, offer the challenge and intrigue that comes from looking at the park's many features in detail.

We hope you'll take advantage of these great programs that let all ages discover Charleston Lake. Check the bulletin boards for dates, times, and topics.

## By Canoe!



It's easy at Charleston Lake Provincial Park. Rental canoes are located at each beach, so it's fast and convenient to get out on the lake and begin a relaxing day of paddling. Arrange canoe rentals at the park's leighthouse.

Rates \$30.00 for 24 hours

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Happy Paddling!

## At an Interpretive Program



Day or night, the naturalists are always exploring the park. Join a guided hike and see nature up-close and personal, or try an evening program at the amphitheatre. Saturday nights feature a campfire or historical drama that lets you discover and experience Charleston's past. Check the bulletin boards for dates, times, and topics.

## At a Special Event



We invite you to join singer/songwriter **David Archibald** for an evening of songs, stories, and humour as the Friends of Charleston Lake Park present **Legends and Lore of the Charleston Shore**. It's a fun-filled journey back in time to the days of steamboats and sea serpents. **July 17th** and **August 4th** at the amphitheatre.

On **July 3rd**, **Archaeology Day** returns to Charleston Lake with the volunteers from the Ottawa Chapter of the Ontario Archaeological Society. Based at the visitor centre it is an all day affair with displays, activities and hikes that help you discover the fascinating world of archaeology and how important Charleston Lake's unusual past is.

We are also pleased to present Charleston Lake's annual **Star Gaze** with **Terence Dickinson**. The Starman is back with his battery of telescopes and galaxy of celestial sights. Terence says the night of **August 16th** will be clear so come out for **Star Gaze '99**.



# On One Of Charleston Lake's Hiking Trails

Whether you want the challenge of the Westside, or the relaxation of the Beech Woods Trail, you'll always discover something new when you hike a Charleston Lake trail.

The Westside Trail is composed of the

Tallow Rock Bay East Trail (6 km) and the Tallow Rock Bay West Trail (14 km return). Please note that the Westside is no longer a loop trail. Less experienced hikers will find the 2.6 km Quiddity Loop a short, pleasant hike with a beautiful lookout over Running's Bay. Approximately .5 km of this

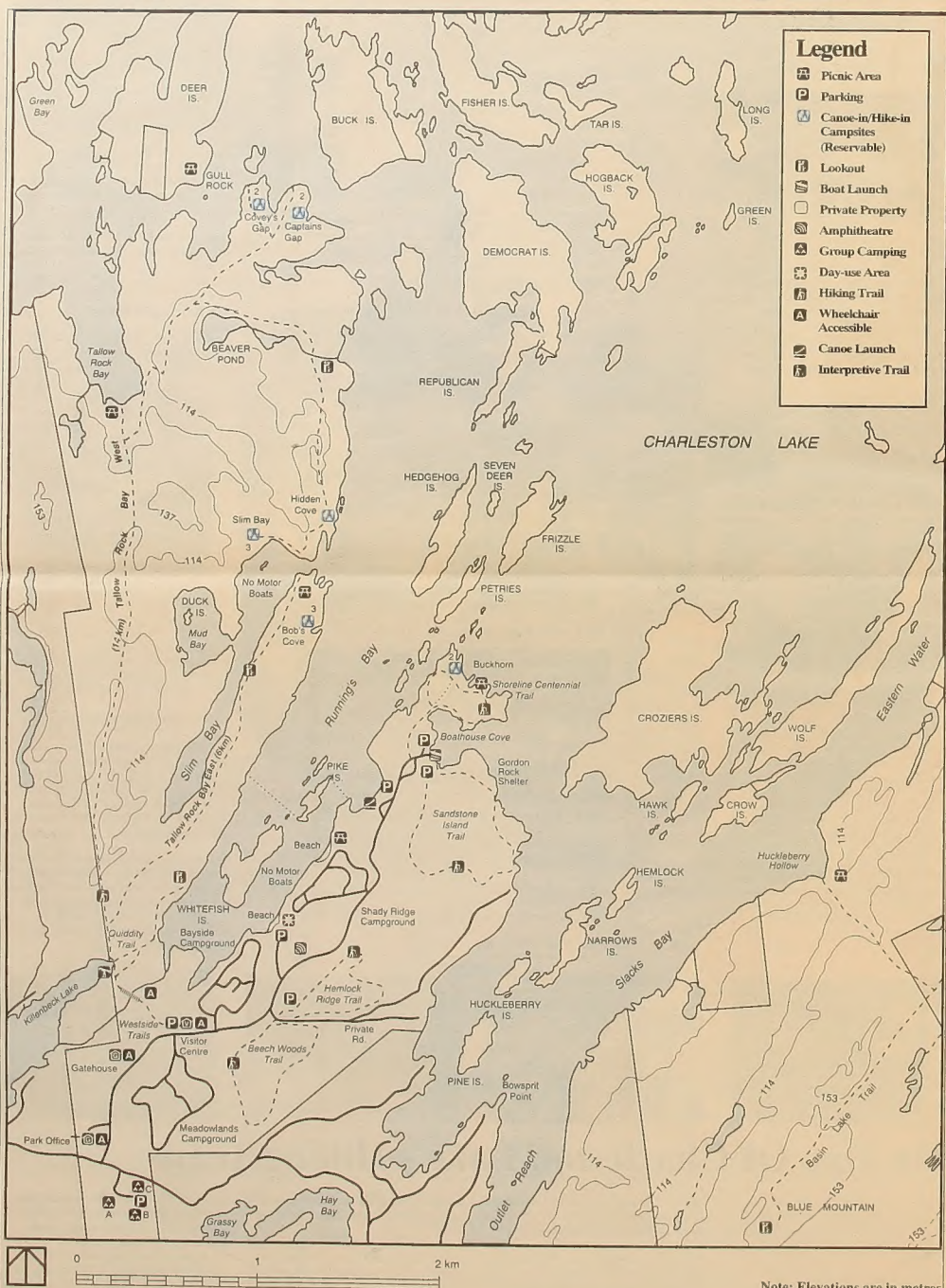
trail offers barrier free access as it winds across two boardwalks through a wetland.

Interpretive trail guides are available for several of the park's trails. The Sandstone Island Trail (3.3 km) explores the geology and human history of the park while the

Shoreline Centennial Trail (1.6 km) tells you the story of Charleston Lake. The wildlife of the park is examined on the Beech Woods Trail (1.8 km) and Charleston's plant communities are highlighted when you hike the Hemlock Ridge Trail (1.8 km).



## Hiking Trails and Interior Campsites



Note: Elevations are in metres



## Canoe-in or Hike-in

## Interior Camping

## Interior Camping

Charleston Lake Provincial Park has been hosting a growing number of visitors over the years, and this trend is most apparent in the interior. The "interior" consists of what you can't reach by road including campsites, picnic sites, and hiking trails.

Charleston Lake Provincial Park offers 13 interior sites on the shores of Charleston Lake. These sites are divided among 6 cluster locations: Bob's Cove, Hidden Cove, Buckhorn, Captain's Gap, Slim Bay, and Covey's Gap.

## Campsites

Charleston's interior sites are organized in clusters, with each cluster having between 1 and 13 campsites. There are a total of 13 interior sites, and 9 of these sites are equipped with wooden tent platforms. The platforms are located at Covey's Gap, Captain's Gap, Slim Bay and Buckhorn campsites. The tent platforms offer a level area on which to erect tents and place camping mattresses. Most importantly, the platforms protect the soil and undergrowth from the compaction caused when shelter equipment is placed on bare ground. At each site, in the interest of maximizing everybody's enjoyment, there is a limit of SIX PEOPLE PER INTERIOR SITE AND THREE PIECES OF SHELTER EQUIPMENT. At the sites with wooden tent platforms, free-standing dome tents are recommended; THEY

MUST BE ERECTED ON THE PLATFORMS PROVIDED.

## Choosing Your Site

If you wish to camp in the interior or during peak camping season (the last weekend of June until Labour day), call the park during office hours at (613) 659-2065 to reserve your site. ALL INTERIOR CAMPERS MUST REGISTER AT THE PARK GATEHOUSE. When the park is operating during the non-peak season (spring and fall) all sites operate on a self-serve system, where you must register at the park gatehouse fee station. Please refer to the map in this tabloid to assist you with site selection, and read on to familiarize yourself with what we offer our interior campers.

## Drinking Water

Treated drinking water is available at a number of locations throughout the Park.

Interior campers are advised to take treated water into the interior with them. Consumption of untreated water could result in an intestinal disorder called Giardiasis. Symptoms of this disorder usually include diarrhea, loss of appetite and abdominal cramps.

If you choose to use water from the lake, it should be boiled for 5 minutes prior to use. Chemical purifiers are also useful, but not as reliable in killing the Giardia parasite.

## Fires and Firewood

All campsites have a fire grill which may be used for cooking. To avoid unnecessary scarring of campsites, please use designated fireplaces. To reduce the chance of forest fire, make sure your campfire is out before you leave.

Firewood is available at the Gatehouse. Please do not cut any live trees or boughs, or scrounge deadfall (fallen trees and branches) from any neighbouring campsites or the forest. Stripping bark from trees or cutting live branches not only leaves an unsightly campsite, but also kills the trees.

## Parking

Campers venturing into the interior may leave their vehicles at a number of convenient locations, including the canoe launch, Shoreline Centennial Trail, and Westside Trail parking lots. All vehicles in the Park must have a valid permit. This must be displayed clearly on your vehicle's dashboard.

## Excessive Noise

Most interior campers seek the tranquility that nature brings. A peaceful evening around a small campfire, the company of friends, and the echo of nesting loons doesn't mix with loud radios and crowds of people. All campers are reminded that there is an enforced regulation of NO EXCESSIVE NOISE AT ANY TIME. Furthermore, to guarantee the peaceful enjoyment of certain

sites, THERE IS A VOLUNTARY PROHIBITION OF RADIOS AND OTHER SOUND AMPLIFYING DEVICES AT SLIM BAY INTERIOR SITES.

## Motorboats

Most campers venture into the interior by foot or by canoe. Some interior users choose to reach their sites by motorboat. This is permitted at most sites, except for SLIM BAY, where MOTORBOATS ARE PROHIBITED. At other sites, boats belonging to people registered to the site may remain there. BOATS NOT REGISTERED TO INTERIOR SITES MAY NOT REMAIN AFTER SUNSET WITHIN 30 METRES OF ANY SHORELINE WITHIN THE PARK.

## Pets

Taking pets into the interior is discouraged; not only are they out of their natural environment, but they're also visiting the home of skunks, porcupines, and dozens of other animals. As is the case elsewhere in the park, PETS MUST BE LEASHED AT ALL TIMES, AND A POOP AND SCOOP REGULATION IS IN EFFECT. THERE IS A VOLUNTARY PROHIBITION ON DOMESTIC ANIMALS AT THE SLIM BAY INTERIOR SITES.

In order to assist us in minimizing pet-related complaints, we request that you register your pet

when purchasing your interior camping permit, and provide basic information regarding its breed and description.

## Wild Animals

Animals, attracted by campsite food odours, can cause damage to tents or other equipment. Leave all food items outside your tent in a locked cooler or tied securely well off the ground in a tree; keep your campsite free of all garbage; and do not feed wildlife. It is hazardous to their health and to your safety.

## Garbage Disposal

PLEASE CARRY OUT WHAT YOU BRING IN. Garbage that can burn should be completely incinerated in your campfire. Remove cans from the fireplace, flatten and carry them out to a proper disposal area. Do not throw any debris into the water or woods. Fire trails should be burned or left on the shore for gulls.

Litter bags are available from the Gatehouse. When full, they may be deposited in any of the garbage disposal bins located throughout the Park.

## Toilets

All interior campsites have access to toilet facilities.

Further details may be obtained by contacting the Park Office at (613) 659-2065, weekdays during office hours.

## Park Friends

The Friends of Charleston Lake Park, now entering its fifth year of operation, is a volunteer non-profit group whose aims are enhancing the many programs and experiences the park has to offer visitors.

The Friends are dedicated to protecting and preserving the natural and cultural history of Charleston Lake Provincial Park through interpretation, education, and scientific and historical research.

In the past, the Friends have operated and provided services for campers and visitors alike.

There is a Friends' Nature Shop, open in the summer, providing a wide range of park and nature-related books, gifts, and souvenirs.

The Friends are now taking donations to help improve the Westside Trail system by working on trails and building a new floating bridge across Slim Bay. You may make a donation to this project at the Visitor Centre or by mailing the Friends of Charleston Lake Park - please designate Westside Trail Improvements on your donation. Tax receipts are available for

donations over \$15.00.

The Friends are also involved in a "Get the Lead Out" campaign in which they will exchange toxic lead lures and jigs with nontoxic bismuth ones. This campaign will help to keep the waters of Charleston Lake lead free.

The Friends have several special events planned for 1999.

**Legends and Lore of the Charleston Shore** is slated for July 17th and August 4th (see page 5 for details). There will also be an open house in early July. Check at the Visitor Centre and park bulletin boards for more information on upcoming programs sponsored by the Friends.

The goal is to enhance the park experience, making your visit for a day, or for a week or two a memorable occasion.

By joining the Friends of Charleston Lake Park, you can make a personal contribution to the association and the park. It's your opportunity to be a special person and support a special place—Your Park.



## The Friends of Charleston Lake Park

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

To join the Friends of Charleston Lake Park, please complete this form. Memberships may be purchased at the Park Office, the Visitor Centre, or by mail.

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## Membership Categories

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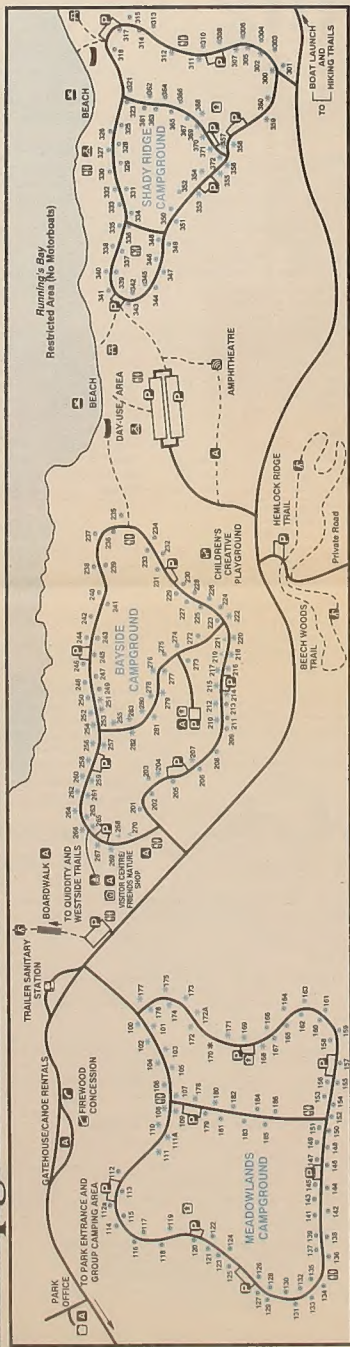
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## Summary of Provincial Park Rules

This is a summary of rules, prepared for your convenience. Please refer to the complete list of the various regulations that apply in provincial parks. Since certain rules (snowmobiling, hunting, etc.) affect individual parks differently, you should contact the Park Office if in doubt about how a specific rule applies to the park you are visiting.

There is one basic rule in Ontario Provincial Parks: **HAVE RESPECT FOR OTHER VISITORS AND THE PARK ENVIRONMENT.**

**Loud Noise -- Disturbing other persons:** Be considerate. Please keep the volume of your music- and your voices-- to a reasonable level. Interfering with anyone else's use or enjoyment of a park day or night is unacceptable. It is also contrary to park regulations.

**Alcoholic Beverages:** Most provincial parks permit drinking of beer, wine and other spirits-- but only on a registered campsite. Drinking, or the possession of an open container of alcoholic beverage in any other area of the park is against the law. And please take note-- some provincial parks prohibit the consumption or possession of alcohol during the spring camping season.

**Camping and Vehicle Permits:** Please remember that you must have a permit to camp or to use your vehicle in a provincial park.

**Towing Mirrors:** Towing mirrors pose a hazard for children and follow campers. Help us to prevent accidents by removing the extended mirrors from your vehicle after your trailer is unhooked.

**Additional Vehicles:** A number of designated parking spaces are set aside in each campground for additional vehicles. However, when a campground is full or nearly full, it may not always be possible to secure a parking space for a second vehicle.

**Unlicensed Motor Vehicles, All Terrain Vehicles:** Provincial Parks and park roads are not for the use of ATVs, off-road motorcycles or any other unlicensed vehicles.

**Bicycles:** May be operated on roadways only.

**Parking:** Vehicles may be parked only in areas provided for that purpose.

**Check Out Time:** Check out time is 2:00 p.m. on the day of your departure. You must vacate your site by that time. Campsite vacancies cannot always be guaranteed -- it is best to call ahead and reserve a campsite.

**Length of Stay:** The maximum length of stay in a provincial park campground is 23 days in a year.

**Park Resources:** They are yours to enjoy, so help us to protect them. Our parks are full of interesting and

precious vegetation, wildlife, natural earth features and archaeological/historical sites. Remember, it is against the law to remove or destroy anything in a provincial park.

**Pets:** All pets must be kept under control and on a leash, and are not allowed in swimming areas or on any beach. You must clean up after your pet.

**Campfires:** Campfires are permitted in fireplaces only. Please be careful with fires at all times. It is illegal to remove or burn any live or dead wood found in the park. Firewood is available to buy at the Gatehouse.

**Hours of Closing:** Only registered campers may remain in a provincial park during the posted hours of closing -- 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

**Number of People Per Site:** A maximum of six persons or one family unit is permitted on each campsite.

**Refuse:** Please have regard for the condition of your campsite. Deposit all of your garbage and litter in the containers provided and leave your campsite in a clean and natural state.

**Fireworks:** Possession or use of fireworks in any provincial park is prohibited at all times.

**Hunting:** Hunting is not allowed in provincial parks except in specific areas defined in the hunting regulations.

**Boating, Water-skiing:** Act safely and in accordance with the regulations when boating or water-skiing.

Please note -- the use of motorboats is prohibited in Slim Bay and in those parts of Running's Bay marked with "no motorboats" buoys.

**Leaving Vehicles or Boats Unattended:** You may not leave your vehicle or boat unattended in a provincial park, except in an area designated for that purpose or by permission of the Park Superintendent.

**Sales of Goods and Services:** Only authorized concessionaires are permitted to sell goods and services in a provincial park.

There is a Provincial Parks Act as well as other legislation in which all the laws that apply in provincial parks are set out. These are available at the Park Office and you are invited to examine them.

Park Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, Park Wardens and Conservation Officers have all the power and authority of an Ontario Provincial Police Officer in a Provincial Park.

The penalty for violation of these laws may be eviction from the park, a fine imposed by the Courts, or both.

## Park Management Plan

Would you like to have some input into the future management of Charleston Lake Provincial Park? Ontario Parks is in the process of developing a new park management plan for Charleston Lake. This plan guide park managers on the future of the park. They will select the park's natural resources as well as maintain opportunities for recreation and education.

An important part of developing a management plan is public input. If you are interested in becoming involved in the park management planning process please place your name on our mailing list by filling in this form and dropping it off at the main office.

Then, we'll let you know about upcoming opportunities to get involved and add your views to the future management of this beautiful protected area.

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